Wheeler & Co. on newly constructed platforms No. 6 and 7 at Guwahati, if so, what are the reasons therefor, and

(b) whether it is also , a fact that the North Frontier Raiway did not call applications to allot book stalls to the unemployed graduates on those platforms?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (b) After extension of broad gauge to Guwahati, in February, 1985, M/s. A. H. Wheeler & Co. (P) Ltd., were permitted to shift their bookstalls from Kamakhya station to platforms No. 6-7 of Guwahati railway station on the consideration that certain important Me .re Gauge trains, from and to Guwahati which were converged into Broad Gauge trains, were being dealt with on platforms No. 6-7, and it was feit that experienced bookstall contractor should continue 'io provide service on these trains. The matter was reviewed in February, 1986 and the Ra was asked to allot the bookstall on platforms No. 6-7 at Guwahati to the eligible categories as per the extant procedure.

Monopoly rights of M/s. Wheeler & Co.

214. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI; Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be sed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M Wheeler & Co. are rendering satisfactory performance through five book stalls on platforms numbei 19 at Delhi Junction;

(b) whether it is also a fact that per special sole selling rights M Wheeler & Co. is authorised to set up more bookstalls on vacant platforms/ waiting hahs/circulating area at Delhi and other stations; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken to curtail sole seding rights of these contrae:ors to break monopoly as has been published in the Evening News of the 'Hindustan Times' of the 13th February, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir. They, are able to meet the demands of passengers through stalls, tables and trolleys.

(b) No additional bookstall at any place can be set up by M/s. A. H. Wheeler & Co. without prior permission from Railways.

(c) Sole selling right clause is an integral part of .he current agreement.

Action on memorandum against M/s. A. H. Wheeled N Co.

215. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

iHR! HASHIM RAZA ABIDI ALLAHABADI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 355 given in the Rajya Sabha en the 19th March, 1986 and state:

(a) what action has been taken on the memorandum regarding taking over of book stalls of M/s. A. H. Wheeler & Co.;

Ib) what steps have been taken by Govitlm^ employment to uni graduates through book stails from 1973 on those stations where major contractors exist, except newly constructed passenger platform, if any, detailed thereof; and

(e) what are the special reasons for providing sole selling right clause in the